

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No. 09/765,368

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, Claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 2-6 and 9-14 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the canceled subject matter.

No new matter has been added and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 1, 7 and 8 will be all the claims pending in the application.

At page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 have been objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. In the Advisory Action of October 20, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the claims still contain non-elected subject matter, i.e., the compounds represented by formula I wherein Q is a substituted imidazole.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 7 and 8 as amended read on the genus as defined by the Examiner. Applicants have canceled Claims 2 and 4-6. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that non-elected claims have not been canceled.

In response, Applicants have in this Amendment, canceled claims 3 and 9-14.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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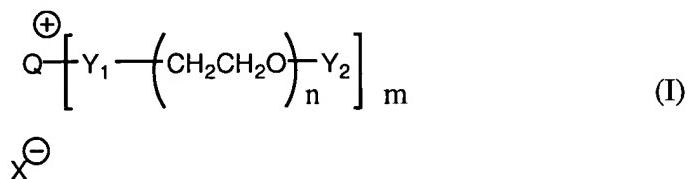
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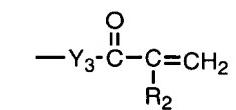
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A polymerizable molten salt monomer represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein Q represents an imidazole; Y₁ represents a ~~divalent interlocking group~~ CH₂O or a bonding hand; Y₂ represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group; n represents an integer of from 2 to 20; m represents an integer of from 2 to 5; X⁻ represents an anion; plural Y₁'s and plural Y₂'s may be the same or different, respectively, with the proviso that at least one of Y₂'s has a ~~polymerizable~~ the substituent group



wherein R₂ is hydrogen or alkyl, and

Y₃ is oxygen; and

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a plurality of the compounds of the general formula (I) may be connected to each other at Q or Y₂ to form a dimer, trimer or tetramer.

2-6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): The polymerizable molten salt monomer according to Claim 1, wherein X⁻ in the general formulae formula (I) to (III) is a halogen anion, an amide anion or a fluoride anion containing at least one element selected from the group consisting of boron (B), phosphorus (P) and sulfur (S).

8. (currently amended): The polymerizable molten salt monomer according to Claim 1, wherein X⁻ in the general formulae formula (I), and (III) is an iodine anion.

9-14. (canceled).